

# ROCK-A-GRAM



November, 2009



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## General Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2009

7:30 p.m.

### LOCATION

4619 69th Street North  
St. Petersburg, FL

## Program:

# “GEM MINING IN NORTH CAROLINA”

This 30 minute video tells about gem mining in Franklin, N.C. For those of you that have never been it has some good information. For those of you who have done it before, not THAT much new information, but a little history, etc. It tells about William Holland.

**DUES ARE DUE!**

**\$15 Individuals - \$20 per family**

Please give them to the membership chairman, *Dave Schwebel*, covering for *Carmen Lemke*, or *Sue Hazelden*, Treasurer.

If your last name starts with N-Z, please bring goodies to our meeting.

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**SGAMS Clubhouse Address: 4619 69th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709, [www.sgams.com](http://www.sgams.com)**

**Clubhouse Activities:** Listed on mailer coversheet and announced at membership meetings.  
**SGAMS Board of Director's Meetings:** 7:30 p.m., 1st Tuesday of each month; September - May.  
 All members are invited to attend SGAMS Board of Director's Meetings at our clubhouse.  
 We solicit your attendance, and constructive suggestions for improving our club.  
**General Meetings:** 7:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday of each month; September - May, at clubhouse.

## President's Message

Hello,

Welcome to the cool weather. It is a nice change. Personally all the sun and heat gets a bit much after this many years of it. Having just two seasons with the cool one so short is tiresome at times.

Again, at the general meeting we will have two new boxes of slabs and rocks from that donation mentioned last month. The clubhouse will be open early and at 7:00 p.m. members may look over and make purchases.

You may have noticed that we have installed a mailbox at the clubhouse. We still want you and everybody else to use the Post Office box (P.O. Box 13254) for all business, as the mail box will not get checked very often. This is for the few times that people trying to find us will come across and use our street address rather than the preferred Post Office box.

We will have a Clubhouse Work Day on December the 5th to get some needed maintenance done. The main task will be to paint the outside. Colors are being chosen and materials gathered. One task already completed is the replacement of the cracked and badly bowed boards on the gable end at the handicap parking space. Charles Woolheater provided the labor and materials to keep us dry and in good shape. He is back in Virginia now but please keep this in mind and thank him when he's down again. Other prep work will be done on Mondays the 23rd and 30th before the capping session. Things like patching holes, pressure washing, pulling out the cable TV wires and trenching are scheduled then. I need some help on those days and will be talking to people about scheduling some time.

Thank You,

*Bill Schmidt, President*

## Traffic Report!

For this months meeting not much has changed for traveling to the clubhouse. At time of publication 46th Ave. N. is still one way, heading west. The County is almost done laying pipe on the opposite side of the road from our property but not quite. So with the time change making it dark out at 7:30 p.m., please be extra careful. Coming in the back way by means of 48th Avenue between 71st Street and the curvy CR16 is still and will be open the during all of the construction.

For those of you who use Interstate 275 you may have not heard that 38th Avenue is back open. All the drainage work at the rail road crossing is done. The road way is smooth and fast now.

*Bill Schmidt*



## Volunteers Needed!

On Saturday, December 5th we will be having a clubhouse painting and clean up party. Bring your lunch, coffee will be provided. We will begin at 9 a.m. and go until whenever.

We need your help, so please come out and help us. Remember this is your clubhouse, let's work together to keep it looking the best we can.

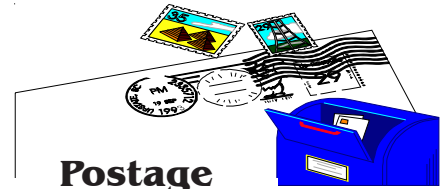


## Deepest Sympathy

Friday, November 6, 2009

I have just read the sad news that *Edna Rothermel* has passed away. Edna and her husband George are life members of our club. They spent many, many hours of service to our club. There was a Memorial Service on November 7th at 1 p.m. at the Grace Bible Church, 555 61st Street South in St. Petersburg. Our deepest sympathy to their family.

*Sue Hazelden*



## Postage Stamps Needed

Please remember to bring those stamps to the meeting. Stamps must be either off the paper or neatly trimmed with 1/4" border around the stamp.

## New Members/Changes

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onto SR-686. Bear LEFT  
(West) onto SR-688  
(Ulmerton Rd) turn  
LEFT (South-East)  
onto US-19 N. Turn  
RIGHT (West) onto  
126th Ave N.
- From North on US 19  
take 66th Street exit go to  
126th Ave., turn left.

## FEDERATION NEWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
June-July, 2009  
[www.AMFED.org](http://www.AMFED.org)

### 2009-10 Regional Federation Shows & Conventions

**California Federation**  
June 18-20, 2010  
TBA

**Rocky Mountain  
Federation**  
October 2-3, 2009  
Roswell, NM

**Eastern Federation**  
October 17-18, 2009  
Bristol, CT

**South Central  
Federation**  
AFMS

**Midwest Federation**  
TBA

October 10-11, 2009  
Temple, TX

**Northwest Federation**  
TBA

**AFMS Annual  
Convention**  
TBA

## Show News

The time is here again to begin the preparation for our show. While vendors have been contacting us for a while and last years dealers received their contracts around July the many jobs, tasks and details start now. First off are the fliers and advertising. Again, we will have half-sheet fliers and business cards for getting the word out.

At this months meeting they will be available for anyone who needs them this early. (I already have three request for them just myself.) The big push for handing these out will be in January and February.

We need to hit people not too early where they will forget about us by the time March 5th comes around, but also not too late where they will already be booked for that weekend. So begin thinking about where you frequently go that might allow a flier to be put up, and ask! We need to have a good number of people through the door so our dealers have a chance at sales. As the saying goes "You can lead a horse to water but you can not make him drink". Our job is the first part.

Thanks,  
*Bill Schmidt*

## Federation Websites:

**American Federation of Mineralogical Societies**  
[www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)

**Lodestar Newsletter**  
[www.amfed.org/sfms](http://www.amfed.org/sfms)  
[lodestar\\_newsletter.html](http://lodestar_newsletter.html)

**Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies**  
[www.amfed.org/sfms](http://www.amfed.org/sfms)

## LOST IN TIME

**2009 Pre-Historic Florida Treasure  
Artifact and Fossil Show**

**Saturday, December 12, 2009**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
800 2nd Avenue N.E., 3rd Floor  
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## Upcoming Shows

*Source: Canaveral Moonstone, October 2009*

### **Nov. 13 -15, 2009: Orlando**

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society, Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Dr.

[www.thumblicker.com](http://www.thumblicker.com)

### **November 21-22, 2009: West Palm Beach**

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, South Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Center, Fairgrounds Road.

[www.gemandmineral@bellsouth.net](mailto:www.gemandmineral@bellsouth.net).

### **Dec. 4-6, 2009: Spring Hill**

Withlacoochee Rockhounds, Slovene American Club, 13383 County Line Rd.

[www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com](http://www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com)

### **January 16-17, 2009: Deland**

Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society, Annual Jewelry, Gem Mineral & Fossil Show, Volusia County Fairgrounds, St. Rte 44, Deland [www.tomokagms.org](http://www.tomokagms.org)

### **January 15-17, 2010: Largo**

Pinellas Geological Society, 33rd Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale, Parkside Room, Largo Cultural Center. Hours:

16th & 17th, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; 18th, 12:00 Noon-5:00 p.m.

January 30-31, 2010: Panama City

19th Annual Show, Bay County Fairgrounds, American Legion Hall, U.S. 98 and Sherman Ave.

Hours: 305h, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 31st 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### **February 13-14-2010: Merritt Island**

Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club, "Symphony of Gemstones" Kiwanis Island Park, 950 Kiwanis Park Rd.

### **Feb. 21, 2009: Auburndale**

Imperial Bone Valley Gem Mineral and Fossil Society, The Auburndale Beach Club (on lake Ariana), 321 Ramsgate Rd., Auburndale, FL [www.bonevalley.net](http://www.bonevalley.net)

## CLUBHOUSE CLOSED

Saturday, November 21  
Wednesday, November 25  
Saturday, November 28  
Saturday, December 26



## Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. General Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of the previous general meeting were noted as approved as published in the October Rock-a-Gram.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted (previously accepted by the board).

Note was made of a donation of equipment and slabs by Diane Dare. Board members are pricing the slabs in batches following board meetings, and the priced slabs will be available for purchase following the general meetings.

### Committee reports were received from the following:

Bill Schmidt (annual show, building, and membership); Debbie Bremer (newsletter); Pat Davis (education); Dave Schwebel (equipment). In addition to cabbing instruction, the following classes are currently available: Wire Wrap (Sue Black); Faceting (Gil Wegad); Gem Trees (Sue Hazelden); Glass Fusing (Julia Larson). Contact instructors for information.

Dues for 2009-10 are due. If not received by December 31, non-payers will be removed from membership list. Dues are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families.

### Unfinished business:

Still need volunteers to sort through old Lapidary Journals.

Don Schlough mentioned the upcoming meeting of the Pinellas Geological Society, at which Dr. Bob Sinibaldi would speak about fishing cultures of early native Floridians and west coast peoples.

Following the raffle, Sue Black demonstrated wire wrapping techniques.

The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

### Board Meeting following the general meeting:

A quorum of board members being present, the following applications were reviewed and accepted for membership: Coni and Richard Smythe and their daughter; Linda Bachelor; Donna Sapp; Barbara and Roger Cline; Patricia Goff-Erdman; Sharon Williams; and Janice Kolacky.

Submitted by:

Julia Larson, Recording Secretary

## Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Board members present: Bill Schmidt, Dave Schwebel, Sue Hazelden, Dave Watson, George Comas, Julia Larson. Other members attending were Pat Davis (Equipment Chair) and Walt Larson.

Treasurer's report: Sue read the September report but did not have copies for everyone. She will email to board. Will discuss taxes and CD at next board meeting.

**Minutes:** Minutes for September general meeting and corrections to September board meeting minutes discussed. Minutes for current meeting (October) will be published in November after board reviews them.

**Equipment:** Dave Schwebel has agreed to take over as Equipment Chair. Pat has wish list organized. Discussion followed, including replacement and allocation of wheels. Motion to approve expenditure to upgrade machinery in cabbing, silversmithing and faceting. Motion seconded. Vote approved unanimously. Purchases will be made as soon as possible.

**Education:** Discussion on revising handout for new members. Bill and Pat are working on this. Don suggested club business cards for board to hand out. Discussed need for replacing mail box. Also need new membership cards. Pliers for gem tree class are missing.

**Receipts for donations:** Need policy for giving these. Keep copy of thank you note including an accurate description of donation and suggestions for obtaining appraisal (we do not do appraisals). Offer donations for sale at general meetings. Clubhouse displays: Suggestions for slabs/cabs.

Charles Woolheater is back in town looking for projects to do around the clubhouse. Painting exterior was one suggestion.

Road closure: 46th Ave. will be closed at 66th St. starting October 9. Discussed best way to reach clubhouse. Bill will research and notify Debbie for publication in Rock-A-Gram.

New member: Monica Lara accepted by board.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Submitted by: Julia Larson

Recording Secretary

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1 Cabbing 5-9 p.m. Silversmithing 6-8 p.m.	2 BOARD MEETING 7:30-9 p.m.	3 Cabbing Classes 6-9 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Faceting 10-12 a.m.
8 Cabbing 5-9 p.m. Silversmithing 6-8 p.m.	9	10	11 Cabbing Classes 6-9 p.m.	12	13	14 Faceting 10-12 a.m.
15 Cabbing 5-9 p.m. Silversmithing 6-8 p.m.	16	17	18 Cabbing Classes 6-9 p.m.	19 GENERAL MEETING 7:30-9 p.m.	20	21 CLOSED
22 Cabbing 5-9 p.m. Silversmithing 6-8 p.m.	23	24	25 CLOSED.	26	27	28 CLOSED
29	30					

# **ROCK-A-GRAM**

*This is the official newsletter of the SUNCOAST GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.*

*P.O. Box 13254, St. Petersburg, Florida 33733-3254*

This Society is a member of the *SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.*, and its parent society, the *AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.* The general purpose of this society is to promote popular interest in education and research in the earth sciences and lapidary arts, and to cooperate with other similar organizations.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, September through April at 7:30 p.m., at our clubhouse 4619 69th Street North, St. Petersburg. December and May meetings are special meetings and a time and place will be announced in this bulletin. The public is cordially invited to attend the general membership meetings.

**Dues: \$15.00 single or \$20.00 couple/family; due annually each September**

All exchange bulletins should be sent to the Rock-A-Gram editor.

Feel free to copy any material from this bulletin, but please list all byline credits.

## **ROCK-A-GRAM** (Official Bulletin)

**Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**

*Debra Bremer, Editor*

1349 Lakeview Road

Clearwater, FL 33756

### **Clubhouse Activities September - May**

#### **Board Meeting:**

(September - May)

First Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.

#### **Clubhouse Open:**

Mondays, 5 - 9 p.m.

Wednesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

#### **Faceting, Silversmithing**

#### **Wire Wrapping Classes**

By appointment